

of the same commodities. His findings are related on the chart that I have here on the floor, Mr. Speaker. The difference in the chart represents the amount believed to have been stolen.

When we talk about crude oil, petroleum products, natural gas, and aluminum, you can see the estimated illegal profits from commodity sales in Russia. For 1995 alone, the estimated illegal profits from the sale of crude oil were \$828 million, \$1.5 billion in petroleum products, \$1.2 billion in natural gas, and \$900 million in illegal profits from aluminum sales. All told, the Russian government lost \$4.4 billion in revenue in 1995.

With these facts of how Russia has been plundered, how can the Clinton Administration and the IMF continue to justify propping up the failed Russian government by demanding more money from hard-working U.S. taxpayers. We have seen that the recent Russian bailout by the IMF amounting to \$22.6 billion has been a failure.

The IMF should suspend any additional payments to Russia immediately and until there can be a consensus built whether any additional funding would actually do any good for Russia. Congress should continue withholding any additional funding to the IMF itself until Congress can determine if the IMF is increasing the "moral hazard" by continuing its bailouts.

Let me close, Mr. Speaker, by saying the IMF should suspend funding until we find out how to stop corruption, and in fact, Congress should not give funding to the IMF until it understands how the IMF works in Russia.

TRIBUTE TO ED BOHRER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, on Labor Day the city of Gaithersburg, which is the second largest city in my congressional district, celebrated its traditional Labor Day parade, one of the biggest parades in the State, and I would venture, probably in the region. It was the 60th parade.

The parade was dedicated to the mayor, Ed Bohrer, who on August 27 at age 58 died suddenly. He was there in spirit. I pay tribute to Ed Bohrer.

Ed Bohrer was a man of Gaithersburg, born and bred. He lived and loved in the town that he knew so well, where everyone knew each other and everyone cared. He loved his native Gaithersburg, and he enthusiastically nurtured his town into a community which has become the second largest city in the State of Maryland.

He was first elected mayor in 1986, after he had already served 10 years on the Gaithersburg city council. He was a man who truly believed in the people of Gaithersburg. He was committed to his community, and he exhibited honor and integrity in all that he did. His leadership and achievements enhanced

the quality of life for all of the citizens of Gaithersburg, and he made us very proud.

Ed was very proud that Gaithersburg was a very fiscally solvent city. He was a Republican, but he was a Republican who was bipartisan, in fact nonpartisan in working with businesses, elected officials, organizations to serve all the people.

His vision led to the establishment of the Wells Robertson house for transitional homeless, in response to a problem of homeless in Gaithersburg, giving them the opportunity to prepare for jobs and for transitioning into the city beyond the homeless shelter.

He established effective antidrug programs. He was very much involved with the revitalization of the Gaithersburg Old Town, and he established Gaithersburg as a "character counts" city, a model for the Nation. We will sorely miss the beloved mayor, whom I called endearingly "Mr. Gaithersburgermeister."

Most of all, we remember Ed Bohrer, the man. Each of us who knew him in some way has been touched in a very special, personal way by Ed Bohrer. We have called him a mentor, because he guided, helped, and cared. We recall his pride and involvement on the athletic fields, cheering the young people. We can almost see him now, wearing his hallmark outfit: loafers and no socks and chino pants. We were his classmates, his neighbors, his letter carriers, his school crossing guards, his community police. We all knew that we were part of his leadership, his commitment to community service.

Ed Bohrer was unpretentious with a sense of humor and a sense of values. He was loyal to his friends. He was a man of his word who believed passionately that public service meant helping others.

On August 30th, which was the eve of his funeral service, Ed lay in state in the hallowed sanctuary of his church, Epworth United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Well over 1,400 people passed through to pay tribute to this man that they remembered so endearingly.

It was very appropriate because he truly lived the prayer of the founder of Methodism, John Wesley: "to do all the good you can, in all the places you can; in all the ways that you can; for as long as you can." Pastor Reverend Green in his homily celebrated the life and legacy of Ed Bohrer by citing examples of his faith in his actions.

Ed Bohrer was a family man. He knew the values of family. I remember his pride when his wife, Sharon, graduated from Columbia Union College, when the children were adults. She was getting a graduate degree, and in fact, I was the speaker.

He and Sharon gave their children, Paige and Patrick, a loving home. They have reflected in their lives that inspiration. He encouraged his son Pat's dedication to a law enforcement career. He was filled with joy for Paige

and his four grandchildren, and he was devoted to his mother, Juanita.

We were very proud to be part of one of the many things that Ed and Sharon did in the community. They had a holiday tradition where he and Sharon would serve members of the community at their home at a breakfast, and they had the traditional pancakes prepared by his mother, Juanita.

Ed's loss leaves a void, particularly in the lives of his family. We offer our prayers for Sharon, Paige, Patrick, his mother, Juanita, his sisters, grandchildren, and all the family.

At the memorial service on August 31, reflections on the life of Ed Bohrer were offered by Sidney Katz, Gaithersburg city council member; Roy Green, his brother-in-law; his son, Patrick Bohrer; the Board Chairman of the Adventist Health Care, Ron Wisbey; Teresa Wright, a community representative. I also had the honor of offering some reflections.

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What was so special was that the eulogy was given by his wife. And it was so filled with the warmth, enthusiasm, humor, and compassion that characterized Ed, we all felt that he was there. Everyone was deeply moved.

Sharon stated she was following Ed's request to deliver the eulogy.

I stress that Ed Bohrer personified the pillars of "Character Counts." In Congress we have a resolution encouraging States and localities to become "Character Counts" cities, States, and jurisdictions. Gaithersburg's commitment shows its effectiveness.

Those pillars of "Character Counts" are Respect, trustworthiness, fairness, citizenship, caring and responsibility. And, indeed, in this day when public servants are judged not only by accomplishments but by character, Ed Bohrer was truly a role model.

I talked with Ed on the phone at the hospital a few days before he passed away. His wife, Sharon, had just washed his hair. He was filled with hope. I told him that I loved him, and I said that for all of us who knew him.

Thornton Wilder wrote, "There is a land of the living and a land of the dead, and the bridge is love—the only survival and the only meaning."

Ed Bohrer will be missed, but he will certainly live on in love and is our inspiration. "We thank you, Ed."

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. MEEK of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KILPATRICK, for 5 minutes, today.